

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

POOLS OPENING!

Saturday, May 27th.

Pack your beach bag and head over to our pools on opening day! Sparkling clean water, comfy patio furniture, and fun neighbors lead to a good time for all.

ESA animals are not allowed in the swimming pools for the courtesy of other residents who may have allergies. Also, please note that the pools are for residents; be mindful when bringing guests as our residents have first priority.

Our Lake View and Shadow Pines Apartment pools are open to all residents. Fobs required.

LEASE RENEWALS

It's lease renewal season! We hope you'll choose to stay, but if life is leading you elsewhere, please remember that you are required to give a **60-day** written notice.

Contact our office for the 60-Day Notice form in advance.

POLL RESULTS

We recently polled our Shadow Pines residents regarding their preference for Package lockers at the Property Office vs. Front Entry delivery. A whopping 97% voted to keep the Front Entry door delivery!

We appreciate the great response and your interest in our community.



FOOD TRUCKS ARE COMING!

Tired of your cooking or going out to restaurants? Here's your chance to change up your meals – conveniently! Mark your calendars and take advantage of another fabulous Maleno amenity!

We're bringing back Food Trucks again this year. Joining us will be Atacolypse, Happy Camper Snack Shack, Food for Thought, and Smiley's.

Go to page 5 for dates and locations, then mark your calendars!

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

APARTMENT LIVING TIP

Sprucing Up Your Home: Time for Spring Cleaning!

Now that spring is here, the birds are chirping and flowers are blooming, showing off their beauty. With the change of seasons, many residents in our community want to beautify their homes, too. Your apartment will be spotless in no time with a little organization and the appropriate technique. Here are some tips to get you started!

Cleaning Supplies ~ If you haven't done much cleaning since last spring, you might have run out of cleaning products. Make a checklist of items to replenish, such as rubber gloves, glass cleaner, sponges, dusters, and towels.

Eliminating Clutter ~ When it comes to spring cleaning, sometimes the hardest part is just getting started. Instead of feeling overwhelmed by clutter that has accumulated, break the project into a series of tasks. Focus on the kitchen one day, and then take care of your bedroom the next day, for example.

Change the Bag in Your Vacuum Cleaner ~ Double-check the vacuum's bag and empty or replace it according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Look Everywhere for Dirt and Debris ~ During spring cleaning, you want to check out every area inside your apartment. For example, remember to remove couch cushions and use the vacuum to get rid of dirt. Of course, clean under the couch as well as below the bed.

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MY QUESTION

Q: How much should I budget for groceries and eating out every month?

Just follow your nose. It's no secret that plenty of our residents love to cook. You may have been intrigued by the delightful aromas coming out of your neighbors' homes and have grown inspired to cook more yourself.

There's not always enough time to prepare every meal in your apartment. Meals from restaurants (eaten there or delivered) help when your schedule is full. So, a question that frequently comes up for apartment dwellers is how much to budget for eating out and buying groceries.

Of course, the answer will vary from person to person, based on your income and desire or ability to cook. But as a rule of thumb, the average cost each year for groceries in the United States is \$4,643, or about \$387 per month, according to a recent article from U.S. News & World Report.

Another way of looking at budgeting for food is to note that Americans spend approximately 9.5% of their "disposable income" on food, according to the latest figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The amount was divided by roughly 4.9% on groceries and 4.6% on restaurant meals.

If you find yourself spending more than you intended on food, whether prepared at home or made in a restaurant, you can improve things by creating a budget and sticking to it. At the same time, you'll want to write a shopping list, so you remember to get what you need. This will also help you avoid making impulse buys at the register!

SEASONAL RECIPE

The Easiest Spring Snack Mix

This could be the simplest snack mix you've ever made! It's straightforward, yet very tasty.

Spring gatherings, potlucks, family get-togethers, and school parties will all benefit from this Spring Snack Mix. It's the ideal balance of sweet and salty.

1 cup pretzel (any shape)
1/3 cup chocolate candies (M&Ms, etc.)
1/2 cup mini marshmallows
1/3 cup raw nuts (cashews, peanuts, etc.)

Take a medium-sized serving bowl and set it aside.

Toss all of the ingredients together in a mixing dish until they are uniformly distributed. Serve and have fun!

FUN FACT: It is physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GRILLS

Thoughts of summer evoke the smell of freshly cut grass, pungent flowers, and barbecue on the grill. There's nothing like ribs on the grill, we know! However, Millcreek Township Ordinance 2018-2 **Section §40-35 states: Cooking Fires shall not be permitted on balconies/porches of multi-residential structures**, unless such balconies/decks and structures are protected by an automatic sprinkler system. Grills may be stored in garages and pulled out to the driveway for use, but are NOT permitted on the balconies/porches in our communities.

POOLS

Our pools are one of the many benefits of living in our communities and we want to ensure it's a fun and safe environment for everyone. As you know, there are no life guards which means swimming is at your own risk. Children who have not reached their tenth birthday must be attended at all times by a parent or approved babysitter over the age of 16. This rule is enforced for their safety.

VEHICLES

If you are having guests over or are attending an event, please do not park on the grass. It can create an eyesore and even ruin the area. Please use your garage or extra available parking.

Also, all vehicles located on the premises need to be up to date with inspections. Failure to keep paperwork updated may result in your vehicle being towed at your own expense. Another way to avoid the tow truck is to be sure that any new cars or license plates are recorded and filed with our office.

It's Time to S-L-O-W-D-O-W-N

Spring is coming and along with it nice weather and longer daylight hours! We'll soon be hearing the joyous sounds of children playing outside. Please drive slowly in the communities and exercise extra caution when approaching the intersections.



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Live for the buzz!

FUN APARTMENT

How to De-stress and Get More Enjoyment out of Spring

If you've been experiencing more stress lately, there's no reason for you to let it get in the way of having fun this spring. Here in the Property office, we have our own share of stress, but we know it's important to relax.

Check out some fun ways to de-stress for more enjoyment this spring!

- * Get plenty of rest. Proper sleep is essential for minimizing stress. It also gives you the energy to go outside and have fun.
- * Join an exercise class that takes place outside. From tai chi to yoga to boot camp workout programs, there are plenty of opportunities to get your body moving to manage stress better.
- * Play like a kid! Adults can have fun with coloring books too. Plus, you get the satisfaction of filling in the lines and seeing the picture take shape.
- * Hang out with friends and family. Taking advantage of the nice weather during spring, you'll find stress diminishes when spending time with loved ones. Go to the park, enjoy a movie or concert or just relax at your favorite restaurant.

The world has been through a lot of stressful situations lately. If you find yourself experiencing more than usual stress, practice deep breathing exercises. Slowing breathing in and out helps you relax and push stress aside.

COMMUNITY LIVING TIP

Your Internet Tidbit

If you are like many people, one of your pet peeves is the long maze of options you have to navigate through whenever you call a customer service line for assistance. In order to talk to a live operator, you have to listen to menu after menu of options, entering a choice on your touch tone phone. Next time you need to call a 1-- 800 number, head to GetHuman.com first.

There you will find the specific number sequence you need to press to get a person on the line. You'll find a "cheat sheet" to reach a human for over 300 U.S. and U.K. companies. Check it out today at GetHuman.com.



NOISE LEVELS

Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep noise level to a minimum. Loud music, personal disputes, or any other type of behaviour that disrupts other residents' right to "quiet enjoyment" of their home will not be tolerated.

Remember, during the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM others may be sleeping.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

Check out our current food truck schedule and plan to enjoy mouth-wateringly delicious food & ice creams! We'll send you email reminders with updated menus--but you'll probably want to mark these in your calendars now so you don't miss one!

Check each food truck's page to learn more about their offerings.

Happy Camper Snack Shack - [click here](#)

Smiley's - [click here](#)

Food For Thought - [click here](#)

Atacolypse - [click here](#)

Parking locations:

Lake View: 2331 Lakeview Dr (in front of the Maintenance building)

Shadow Pines: on the lawn next to 5500 Copper Drive

The Village: 2315 Jamestown Dr (in the Property Management parking lot)

Date	Time	Vendor	Location
5/4	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Happy Camper Snack Shack	Lake View
5/31	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Smiley's	Lake View
6/1	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Happy Camper Snack Shack	Lake View
6/8	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Food for Thought	The Village
6/28	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Smiley's	Shadow Pines
6/28	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Atacolypse	Lake View
7/6	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Happy Camper Snack Shack	Shadow Pines
7/6	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Food for Thought	Lake View
7/13	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Atacolypse	Shadow Pines
7/20	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Atacolypse	Lake View
7/20	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Food for Thought	Shadow Pines
7/25	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Smiley's	Lake View
8/3	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Happy Camper Snack Shack	Lake View
8/5	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Food for Thought	Shadow Pines
8/10	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Atacolypse	Lake View
8/30	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Smiley's	Shadow Pines
9/7	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Happy Camper Snack Shack	Lake View
9/27	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Smiley's	Lake View